

Club Dance

Why are we learning this? We are looking Club dance context and features, different genres including House, Techno and Jungle, how to structure a dance song (including what is a breakdown?), use of technology features on GarageBand.

What is Club Dance music?

- Club dance music is a genre of music which was popular in the 1980's and 90's.
- It started in Chicago in America
- It uses a lot of technology to produce the different sounds heard, such as **Synthesiser**, Panning, Reverb, scratching and many more.
- The first type of Dance music was 'House'
- House, Techno, Jungle are sub genres of Club dance music and each have their own distinctive features. Dance music is linked to DJ's/producers rather than 'artist/singers/band members'
- The music is made using computers and technology (**DAW**, decks, samplers, drum machines)
- Many club dance tracks use **samples** from other songs or **remix** other songs into a new genre.

Musical Features - what are the key features of Club dance music?

A fast BPM/tempo

Strong bassline/beat to dance to

Short even phrases of 4 or 8 bars

Uses a 4/4 time signature

Very repetitive – uses loops

Prominent use of technology

Use of samples

Four to the floor drum beat



Limited vocals compared to pop music

Keywords

BPM	Beats per minute. Used to help work out the tempo
Synthesiser	Keyboard that plays electronically produced new sounds
Breakdown	A quieter, less busy section of music where usually one thing is happening. Usually after a build up.
Samples	A small snippet of another song that is borrowed and slotted into the 'new' piece
DAW	Digital Audio Workstation – e.g. Garageband, Logic. Software used to create music.
Remix	Taking another song and changing it, giving it your own twist or mixing with another.
Hook	A musical idea, often a short phrase, which is catchy, to catch the attention of the listener.
Sequencing	Sequencing is recording music into a computer using a MIDI keyboard and software e.g. Garageband.